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For: QUALITY CONTROL IN DATA TRANSFER AND STORAGE APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
    Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5 as follows:

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5. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, including the error processing unit comprising input apparatus for receiving blocks of data, error checking apparatus for determining whether there are any errors in a block of data and, if so, whether the number of errors in said block of data exceeds a predetermined number, and output apparatus for outputting one of two signals indicating that the number of errors respectively exceeds or does not exceed said predetermined number, wherein said predetermined number may be one of a plurality of numbers between 0 and n, where n is an integer.

REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependencies of claim 5